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Senator Howard Marklein
Senate Chair – Joint Committee on Finance
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Representative Mark Born
Assembly Chair – Joint Committee on Finance
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Madison, WI 53702

Dear Senator Marklein and Representative Born:

The WASB thanks you both, along with your colleagues on the Joint Finance Committee, for your approval of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's ARPA Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds III plan. That approval will, hopefully, enable the federal Department of Education to expeditiously grant final approval so these funds can be released to school districts that have been anxiously awaiting a final word on those funds.

With this approval, and the forthcoming release of these resources, our member school boards can continue striving to provide safe, in-person instruction during this continued challenge of the pandemic.

Thank you for your leadership and resolve to work with the Department of Public Instruction to address the issues presented by the U.S. Department of Education, so that Wisconsin's students can be served and supported with the federal resources available during these exceptional times.

Sincerely,

John Ashley, Executive Director
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